

REMARKS

A restriction requirement and election were made by telephone. Under 35 USC § 102(e), claims 1-2 and 11-13 were rejected as anticipated by Alshab et al (US Pub. No. 2005/0138081). Under 35 USC § 102(e), claims 1 and 10 were rejected as anticipated by
5 Luke et al (US Pat. No. 6,985,956). Claim 3 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as obvious over Alshab et al (US Pub. No. 2005/0138081). Claims 14-15 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as obvious over Alshab et al (US Pub. No. 2005/0138081) in view of Burch et al (US Pat. No. 6,308,320).

- 10 Claims 4-9 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

- 15 Applicant affirms the election of group I, claims 1-15, and is canceling non-elected claims 16-20.

The limitations of allowable claim 4 have been incorporated into base claim 1. The original limitations of base claim 1 have been incorporated into amended claim 9, which is now in independent form.

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In view of the above, it is submitted that claims 1-3, 5-15, as amended, are in a position for allowance. This application was filed with formal drawings that have not been amended. Applicant believes that a full and complete response to the office action has been made. Reconsideration and re-examination is respectfully requested. Allowance of
25 the claims at an early date is solicited.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (831) 476-5506.

Respectfully Submitted,

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